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SUBJECT: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING

1. OWENS-ILLINOIS (O-I) VICE PRESIDENT WILLIAM COLEMAN INFORMED DEPARTMENT AFTERNOON OF APRIL 5 THAT MAIN O-I OFFICE IN TOLEDO HAD DECIDED TO RUN KIDNAPPERS' MANIFESTO AS PAID ADVERTISEMENT IN NEW YORK TIMES, LONDON TIMES, AND LE MONDE. COLEMAN NOTED THAT NEW YORK TIMES HAD AGREED TO RUN THE AD, WHILE TEXT HAD BEEN TELEXED TO OTHER PAPERS BY THEIR US AGENTS AND WOULD PRESUMABLY BE CARRIED. AD-VERTISEMENT SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN APRIL 6 ISSUE OF NEWSPAPERS WITH NOTATION THAT PUBLICATION HAD BEEN ONE OF KIDNAPPERS' CONDITIONS FOR RELEASE OF NIEHOUS.

2. COLEMAN SAID O-I IS PAYING ITS HOURLY VENEZUELAN WORKERS A BONUS OF 500 BOLIVARS EACH IN FULFILLMENT OF ANOTHER OF THE KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS.

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3. COLEMAN SAID THAT O-I REPRESENTATIVE IN CARACAS, JAKE

LONGEN, HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THESE ACTIONS AND INSTRUCTED TO NOTIFY HIS GOV CONTACT. COLEMAN STATED THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT THE USG TO TAKE ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE INFORMATION HE WAS CONVEYING BUT THAT HE WANTED TO KEEP DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY INFORMED.

4. DEPARTMENT REPS HAVE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH OWENS-ILLINOIS REPS ENSURED THAT THEY WERE AWARE OF THE USG VIEW THAT TERRORISTS' DEMANDS SHOULD NOT BE ACCEDED TO, IN ORDER NOT TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER TERRORISM, AND HAVE URGED ON OWENS-ILLINOIS THE MERITS OF A NO-CONCESSIONS POLICY. WE NOTE THAT AMBASSADOR ALSO MADE THIS USG POSITION CLEAR IN HIS MARCH 17 CONVERSATION WITH COLEMAN IN CARACAS (CARACAS 3116).

5. IF QUERIED REGARDING ADVERTISEMENT, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WILL STATE THAT THE USG WAS NOT INVOLVED IN ANY WAY WITH THE OWENS-ILLINOIS DECISION TO PLACE THE ADVERTISEMENT. IF ASKED WHETHER USG URGED THE MERITS OF ITS NO-CONCESSIONS POLICIES ON OWENS-ILLINOIS, SPOKESMAN WILL REPLY THAT THESE POLICIES ARE A MATTER OF RECORD AND ARE WELL KNOWN. KISSINGER

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